Petroleum and Natural gas *vide* Notification GSR No. 569 (E), dated 1.8.2001 permitting the use of LPG as auto fuel.

Availability of CNG in Delhi

†1035. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Court has held the Ministry guilty of the short availability of CNG in adequate quantity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have expressed its inability to make available CNG in adequate quantity;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Court has held the Ministry guilty of the short availability of CNG in adequate quantity; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) In its order dated 17th August, 2001 the Hon'ble Supreme Court observed as follow:

> "there appears to be mishandling of CNG supply issue... The Union of India as well as IGL should have taken adequate steps to see that the shortcoming at the time of filling of CNG are remedied."

(c) Yes Sir, the Government has highlighted constraints in adequate supply of CNG arising from declining production from existing domestic fields and commencement of import of liquefied natural gas only from December, 2003.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Government have already moved the Hon'ble Supreme Court to allow running of EURO II complaint vehicles on diesel with 0.05% max. sulphur content through 4 applications filed between March to October, 2001.

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†. Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.